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1. WE INFORMED FRENCH AND BRITISH IN APRIL 21 TRIPAR-
TITE MEETING OF APPROPRIATE PORTIONS REFTEL A AND IN-
QUIRED AS TO PLANS OF LONDON AND PARIS. UK REP (CULLI-
MORE) HAD NO INFORMATION IN ADDITION TO THAT REPORTED
REFTEL C REGARDING A MARCH 7 YUGOSLAV INFORMAL APPROACH
TO FCO. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) SAID HE HAD NO
INFORMATION AT ALL. BOTH SAID THEY WOULD REPORT AND
SEEK THE DESIRED INFORMATION.

2. REGARDING MOSCOW CEREMONIES, BOISSIEU SAID RETIRED
GENERAL BILLOTTE HAS NOW BEEN SELECTED BY GOF AS LEADER
OF ITS DELEGATION TO MOSCOW (SEE REFTEL B). BOISSIEU
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SAID HE PRESENTLY HAS ONLY ONE OTHER NAME FOR THE 4 OR

5 PERSON DELEGATION, RETIRED GENERAL POUYADE, WHO WAS OFFICER IN FRANCO-SOVIET UNIT FROM 1941 TO 1945 AND CURRENTLY GAULLIST DEPUTY AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S DEFENSE COMMITTEE. THE BRITISH HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE QUEEN HAS FORMALLY REPLIED TO A PODGORNIY LETTER OF MARCH 25, ACCEPTING THE INVITATION TO SEND A UK DELEGATION, AND INFORMING PODGORNIY THAT MOUNTBATTEN WOULD BE ITS LEADER. ACCORDING TO THE UK EMBASSY HERE, THE DELEGATION WILL BE A SMALL ONE, COMPOSED MOSTLY OF PARTICIPANTS OF JOINT UK-SOVIET OPERATIONS DURING THE WAR.
HILLENBRAND

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